

East Orange Child Development Corporation
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July 1, 2014
Letter of Appeal
Re: CC Docket No. 02-6

Decision Being Appealed: Denial of Priority 2 Funding – USAC/E-Rate Funding Year 2013

Appellant Name	East Orange Child Development Corporation (BEN 16049996)
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Service Providers and SPINs	Fast Solutions Technologies, LLC- SPIN: 143033841 Straightway Communications, Inc. – SPIN: 143027755
FRNs	Fast Solutions Technologies, LLC: 2545539 Straightway Communications, Inc.: 2545581
Funding Year	2013
Application Type & Application Number	Form 471 Application Number: 931394
Services	Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections

Appeal Explanation:

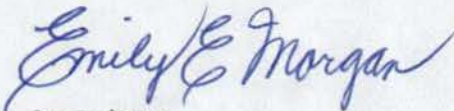
I am requesting that USAC/E-Rate reconsider the decision to deny funding for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections (**Priority 2 Services**) for Funding Year 2013 based on the following assertions:

- All of the 230 children enrolled in the East Orange Child Development Corporation – Head Start Program are 100% eligible for FREE meals based on the National School Lunch Program income requirements. These children and their families are economically disadvantaged. (see attached schedule from the U.S. Department Of Agriculture)
- East Orange Child Development Corporation is a Head Start program and did not anticipate that USAC/E-Rate funding for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections for Funding Year 2013 would be denied nine (8) months into the 2013 Funding Year. Consequently, **Fast Solutions Technologies, LLC** has provided services during the period of July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 and East Orange Child Development Corporation has paid **Fast Solutions Technologies, LLC** \$2,400 which is 10% of the total of \$24,000 which was due to the service provider. I am requesting that USAC/E-Rate pay Fast Solutions, LLC the remaining balance **\$21,600** which has not been paid by East Orange Child Development Corporation for the services provided to East Orange Child Development Corporation prior to the March 5, 2014 Funding Commitment Decision Letter denying the funding request. Moreover, please consider funding for the remaining 4 months of Funding Year 2013.

- Also, **Straightway Communications, Inc.** has provided Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections services to East Orange Child Development Corporation during the **period of July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014** and East Orange Child Development Corporation has paid **Straightway Communications, Inc.** a total of **\$24,000**. Again, the agency did not anticipate that USAC/E-Rate funding for Basic Maintenance of Internal Connections for Funding Year 2013 would be denied nine (8) months into the 2013 Funding Year. Please reconsider the decision to deny the funding requested for these services for Funding Year 2013 and reimburse East Orange Child Development Corporation the sum of **\$21,600** which represents 90% of the funds paid to Straightway Communications, Inc during the period of July 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014 and provide funding for the remaining 4 months of the 2013 Funding Year.
- During this period East Orange Child Development Corporation along with other Head Start programs across the nation was adversely affected during FY 2013 with a 5.27% reduction of funding from sequestration by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Our program made significant budget modifications to manage the loss of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services funding reductions and we are hard pressed to find additional resources or budget line items reductions to compensate for the loss of an additional \$64,800 in funding from USAC/E-Rate. We desperately need these funds to provide quality services to our children and families
- Again, please consider reversing the decision to deny the total funding request of \$32,400 for Fast Solutions. LLC and \$32,400 for Straightway Communications, Inc. as the loss of these funds is a tremendous hardship to our program.

Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Best regards,



Consultant

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